

“Old” & “New”



5 Ball Products

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I work for a rep agency and one of the manufacturer's we represent is Krylon Industrial Products Group. Krylon has many different products in many markets. Up until last year the entire 5 Ball product offering was the same for all markets. In the first quarter of 2008 we received notice that corporate was making a change in the product for the retail side. The good news was that the industrial side would retain the old formulas. Most of you know some of these products as Krylon 1613 Semi-Flat Black, Krylon 1601 Gloss Black, or Krylon 1602 Flat Black.

The 5 Ball original formula is an acrylic lacquerized enamel product. The formula is known for “No Runs, No Drips, No Errors!”™ It dries in 12 minutes or less, you can touch-up anytime and it is considered a fool proof interior/exterior maintenance paint. Thirty-nine of the 5 Ball colors will leave the Industrial Products Group and only 22 remain in the original formula. The colors we use in the corvette hobby remain, and all the other colors, in addition to the colors we keep will be available in retail and at the “big box” stores under a different formula, part number and packaging.

Many of you have found out that the retail product on the shelf now is 51613 for the Semi-Flat Black. This product is a new formula, and the number one difference is that you cannot recoat---anytime!!! It is designed for the home user project as a simple to use one spray job. It is advertised that it will dry to handle in one hour, has new packaging, and it is targeted to the craft/home project group. Information on the new product can be found at www.krylon.com.

So, in order to continue to get the “Old” Krylon 5 Ball products what can you do? Information is available at www.kpg-industrial.com. Go to the web site and under

categories, click on Aerosol Paints, when your sub-categories appear, click on Industrial Maintenance Paint and then in the Products click on 5 Ball (Interior-Exterior Paint). Your next column shows “more info” and clicking here will give you all the information you need, Colors, MSDS information and an opportunity to click to bring up your state for locations that you can purchase the original 5 Ball product.

How do I know if a can on the shelf is the old or new product formula?? All of the Krylon Industrial Products on the shelf today will have Industrial/Industrial between the KRYLON balloon and the 5 colored balls on the face of the can. You will also note while on the www.kpg-industrial.com website that we offer many additional products. I am currently playing with the Dupli-Color high heat clear and high heat cast iron and high heat cast aluminum, but that's another article.



5 Ball Product Packaging Prior to 2008

Current 5 Ball Product Packaging



Current 5 Ball Retail Packaging